



Fawaz Gerges had just returned from a 15-month field study in the Middle East, where he interviewed hundreds of civil society leaders, opinion makers, activists, and radical Islamists. Gerges is currently working on two books. The first compares what he calls the "Iraq generation" of jihadis with earlier generations, particularly the "Afghan Arabs." The second investigates the role of religion in the construction of Muslim political identity and foreign affairs.



Fawaz Gerges, Christian A. Johnson Chair in International Affairs and Arab and Muslim Politics at Sarah Lawrence College, speaks on "The Future of Islamist Militancy: A Theoretical and Historical Footnote" to about 75 people on April 4, 2008, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Gerges spoke as part of the Mershon Center's Islam and Democracy Speaker Series.



Fawaz Gerges (front right) shares a laugh with honors students in Political Science 531, Democracy in Muslim Majority Countries. The course is taught by William Liddle (front left), who organizes the Mershon Center's Islam and Democracy Speaker Series.



Fawaz Gerges (left) speaks with Sean Kay, Mershon Associate and Chair of International Studies at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware. Kay made the contact to bring Gerges to the Mershon Center at Ohio State.